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DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held in the Anzac Room, Community House on 17th December 2024 at 7:30pm.

Present: Cllr Gordon-Garrett (Chair), Cllr Campbell (Vice Chair), Cllr Studd, Cllr Gallagher, Cllr Sharkey, Cllr Davies, Cllr Rosser.

Officers: Zoe Polydorou (Meetings & Projects Officer), Vicky Onis (Civic, Governance and Support Officer)

3 members of the public were in attendance, along with the Town Clerk of Peacehaven Town Council.

1. PH2165 CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair opened the meeting at 19:30, welcomed everyone, read out the Civility & Respect statement, ran through the fire exit procedure, asked for phones to be switched off, announced that the meeting was being recorded and reminded those present of the public questions section procedure.

The following was announced:-

- The Mayor of Peacehaven's Jazz Delight - 18th December 2-4pm tickets £5pp
- The Children's Christmas Party – Friday 20th December 5-7pm tickets £6pp
- Peacehaven Town Council Christmas closure - from 1pm on Tuesday 24th December, partially reopening on Thursday 2nd January 2025, and back to full operation from Monday 20th January 2025.

2. PH2166 PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

There were 3 public questioners.

The first questioner was Cllr Laurence O'Connor, as LDC Cabinet member for planning and infrastructure, who spoke in reference to item PH2171. He informed Committee of the status, and importance, of a Local Plan, a non-developer-led system; updated members on the details and objectives of another public consultation commencing 6th January 2025 (regulation 18), and expressed that comments could be made online or written. He commented on the need for government support; reminded Committee of the Local Plan area; expressed LDC's commitment to the plan and consultation, and explained the local MP Chris Ward would meet tomorrow with Matthew Pennycook, the Housing Minister. He expressed there was a delay in gathering evidence on transport and flood risks, and that Peacehaven had been reclassified as a service centre, from a district centre. Cllr O'Connor's question was whether Committee would contribute to the local plan consultation?

The Chair thanked Cllr O'Connor for his contribution, and extended the public questions session.

Members raised various queries, which Cllr O'Connor covered. He outlined social housing considerations, explained how the Land Availability Assessment related to the consultation, informed committee of the availability of a comparative document and mentioned it would be worth including a comment about projected flood risks in the consultation.

The second questioner queried whether the Morrison's site would be affected by the consultation, whereby Cllr O'Connor confirmed it would not since it was designated for retail.

The third questioner updated committee that, for Agenda item PH2174, point 3, the £10m was new money being made available, and in reference to appendix b, questioned how the council proposed to assess the demands and look at the suggestions? Cllr Campbell responded that would be consultation work for ESCC.

3. PH2167 TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & SUBSTITUTIONS

There were no apologies for absence.

4. PH2168 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There were no declarations of interest.

5. PH2169 TO ADOPT THE MINUTES FROM THE 3rd December 2024

Proposed by: Cllr Gallagher Seconded by: Cllr Campbell

The Committee **resolved** to **adopt** the minutes.

6. PH2170 TO NOTE AND REVIEW THE COMMITTEES BUDGETARY REPORT

The report was **noted**.

7. PH2171 TO PREPARE FOR PTC RESPONSE TO LDC AND SDNP LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATIONS

Cllr Sharkey suggested that, if a TFG was set up, the members would benefit from attending the online meeting with PTC and TTC on Thursday 9th January 2025, and to meet sometime after that.

It was proposed to agree to the two recommendations in the report.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell Seconded by: Cllr Gallagher.

All in **favour**.

The TFG members were confirmed as: Cllr Campbell, Cllr Gallagher, Cllr Gordon-Garrett, Cllr O'Connor as a resident, Cllr Rosser and to invite Cllr Alexander.

8. PH2172 TO AGREE THE WAY FORWARD WITH THE MERIDIAN MONUMENT

20:07 – Peacehaven Town Clerk, as a resident, left the meeting.

Cllr Campbell suggested that cleaning should not be carried out until early March 2025.

The recommendations in the report were proposed.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell Seconded by: Cllr Rosser.

All in **favour**.

9. PH2173 TO NOTE A259 FENCE CLOSE TO THE DELL PLAYGROUND

The report was **noted**.

10. PH2174 TO AGREE A LIST OF OPTIONS TO PUT BEFORE EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL'S BSIP TEAM FOR CONSIDERATION

Members discussed whether the report was ready to be put forward to ESCC, if Telscombe items should be included too, and if the report should be combined with the crossings on the A259 report.

Cllr Gallagher commented that a related item may be on Telscombe Town Council's agenda tomorrow (18th December 2024).

Cllr Davies suggested that ESCC Councillors should be involved, and there were ongoing discussions and surveys being carried out by ESCC. Cllr Campbell commented that Cllr Robinson had likely been involved.

The Chair suggested Cllr Gallagher feedback to her after TTC's meeting tomorrow on 18th December.

It was proposed to defer the item to the next P&H meeting, and in the meantime contact relevant parties, await the outcome of the Telscombe Town Council meeting, and regroup.

Proposed by: Cllr Gordon-Garret **Seconded** by: Cllr Sharkey

All in **favour**.

Cllr Campbell expressed concern that the Telscombe proposal would be agreed at tomorrow's TTC meeting, whereby Cllr Gallagher confirmed that would not be the case.

20:28 - 1 member of the public left

11. PH2175 TO NOTE A FIRST STEP TOWARDS THE BUSINESS PLAN PROJECT 'ROAD SAFETY: CROSSING AND ISLANDS'
Cllr Campbell introduced the report and expressed it had been discussed by the Residents Association, members of the public, and in planning and at this stage it was to note.
Members discussed revisiting the item in the new year.
The report was **noted**.

12. PH2176 TO AGREE TO PLAN FOR PEACEHAVEN'S RESPONSE TO THE TRANSPORT CONSULTATION 2025
Cllr Campbell expressed that the consultation came out on 10th December, and would speak to Officers about publicising it.
This item and the formation of the TFG will be deferred to the next meeting

13. PH2177 TO NOTE THE REPORT THE NEW ADVERTISING ALONG THE SOUTH COAST ROAD
Cllr Gallagher raised that when there was more business interest it would be good to have more of a variety of signage. Also, that although it was good to have the income, expressed the importance of not having too much signage negatively affecting the streetscape.
The report was **noted**.

14. PH2178 TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM TASK & FINISH GROUPS (TFGs):
 - a) Public Safety Group – The Meetings & Projects Officer updated Committee that a local PCSO had been active around schools with regards to parking and positive feedback had been received. Also, that a local school had shown interest in the zig zag project. The next meeting was confirmed as 21st January 2025.

 - b) Rights of way
Cllr Campbell expressed there had been an update at the last Full Council meeting.
Cllr Rosser expressed the importance of publicity in this area.

 - c) Grass – cutting contract

20:44 – 1 member of the public left.

Cllr Campbell explained the maps had been reviewed to ensure all grass cutting areas matched up, and had found PTC were being charged for grass cutting where there was no grass, and that a particular area may not be a cycle way.

15. TO COMMENT on the following Planning applications as follows:-
PH2179 LW/24/0668 29A Glynn Road Peacehaven
It was proposed to support the application and to comment that members were surprised that the plans referred to were not shown on the website.
Proposed by: Cllr Gallagher **Seconded** by: Cllr Sharkey
All in **favour**.

PH2180 LW/24/0743/CD 81-83 South Coast Road Peacehaven
To **note** but Town Council welcome to comment if needed.
It was noted that ESCC Highways had commented there were not as many charging points as they would like to see, or cycle parking.
The application was **noted**.

16. TO NOTE the following Planning decisions

PH2181 TW/24/0103/TPO 178A Roderick Avenue North
The decision was **noted**.

PH2182 TW/24/0092/TPO 23 Downs Walk
The decision was **noted**.

PH2183 LW/24/0621 180 South Coast Road

The decision was **noted**.

PH2184 LW/24/0595 21 Downs Walk

The decision was **noted**.

PH2185 LW/24/0560 204 South Coast Road

The decision was **noted**.

PH2186 LW/24/0558 5 Cornwall Avenue

The decision was **noted**.

PH2187 LW/24/0313 124 The Promenade

The decision was **noted**.

PH2188 LW/18/0622 Land adjacent to 24 Blakeney Avenue

To note at the request of Cllr Campbell

Cllr Campbell advised the Inspectors' reports had been omitted up to now and that from now inspector's decisions would be included.

The decision was **noted**.

17. PH2189 TO NOTE PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMPLAINTS

The complaints were **noted**.

18. PH2190 TO REVIEW & UPDATE THE P&H ACTION PLAN AND AGREE ANY ACTIONS REQUIRED.

There were no comments, and the action plan was **noted**.

19. PH2191 TO AGREE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 14TH JANUARY 2025 AT 7.30PM

The date was **agreed**.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 20:57